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REMARKS

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1. On 22 April 1953, six soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets without arms insignia, were at the fence of the former Rudolf Barracks in Kecskemét (Y 6/N 95) at Izsaki Street. Six trucks including truck [redacted] were in the barracks yard. A tank turret [redacted] projected above the wall around the barracks yard in the southeastern corner of the installation. Three single-engine Po-2 biplanes with radial engines, on which three soldiers wearing blue overalls were working, were on the airfield west of the former Rudolf Barracks. A motor vehicle repair shop on the south side of Izsaki Street, in whose courtyard six trucks were parked was unguarded and was apparently not in operation. About 25 soldiers were exercising in the yard of the former Erzsébet Barracks, whose sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No guns or motor vehicles were observed. Only four soldiers, but no guns or motor vehicles were seen at the former Ferenc József Barracks on the south side of Dezső Gyoergy Street, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Officers including field officers with unidentified arms insignia were riding in jeep [redacted]

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[redacted] from this barracks installation toward the city. The doors of the barracks installation on the west side of Honvéd Street were closed and unguarded. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] which was driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and [redacted] were parked on the street between the barracks installation and the cemetery west of the installation. Closed jeep [redacted] which was driven by

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a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was in front of the former workers' home on the northeast side of Széchenyi Square. The telephone line from the former workers' home to the property at 8, Széchenyi Square was still observed. Almost no activity and no motor vehicles were observed at the Soviet Army hospital on the north side of Szolnoki Street. On 24 April 1953, about 25 soldiers were in the former Cavalry Barracks on the north side of Szolnoki Street. The driver's cabs of 45 trucks parked in a line were seen in the east section of the same installation. [redacted] which was driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the entrance to the installation.

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A sentry, who carried a rifle and wore red-bordered black epaulets without arms insignia was posted in front of the building next to the entrance.

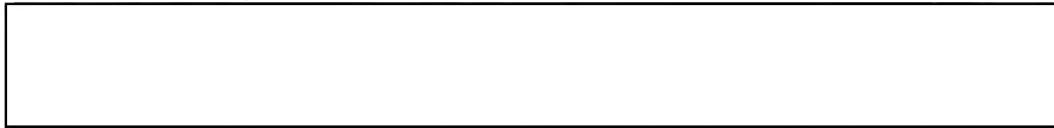
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3. On 17 April 1953, the former Cavalry Barracks on the south side of Szolnoki Street in Cegléd (P 48/D 08) was guarded by a sentry, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 50 soldiers were at gymnastics. Another sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and patrolled the southeast section of the barracks installation. Thirty-five trucks were in two garages in the northeast section of the barracks area. A

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[redacted] driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the latter occupied by six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, entered the barracks installation. About 25 soldiers practiced gymnastics with various equipment in the barracks installation on the northeast side of Toerteli Street. Sentry was an acting corporal wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A total of 20 to 30 heavy sidecar motorcycles were in two garages in the northeast section of the barracks installation. Heavy sidecar motorcycle [redacted] was in front of the entrance to the barracks installation and two soldiers wearing blue overalls stood nearby. The magazine directly west of this barracks installation and the buildings at 1 and 11, Rakoczi Street, were guarded by one soldier each wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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4. Also seen in Cegléd on 17 April 1953 were one major and eight soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Each soldier carried two musical instruments. They went by train to Budapest. One major wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an arm band with the inscription "Patrol Commander", who was accompanied by two women soldiers, was seen in various places in the city. Truck [redacted] driven 25X1 by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, drove toward the former Cavalry Barracks. Trucks [redacted] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia carried three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, traveling toward the barracks 25X1 installation on Toerteli Street. Trucks [redacted] driven by 25X1 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, parked in front of the building at 8, Kishid Street and were loaded with bread by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.²
5. On 14 April 1953, five Soviet soldiers boarded a T-43 tank directly north of the road from Veszprém (P 48/D 78) to Hajmáskér (P 48/D 79). About 50 meters from the tank were two radio sets, operated by a Soviet soldier each. Four Soviet officers stood at a table nearby.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. Previous information also mentioned the occupation by Soviet troops of the installations listed in the present report. In view of the fact that no guns and, in some barracks installations, also no motor vehicles were seen; the doors of the barracks installation on Honvéd Street were closed and unguarded; the motor-vehicle repair shop on Izsaki Street seemed to be unused; and only limited activity was observed at the Soviet Army hospital, it is believed that elements of the troops stationed at Kecskemét left for record practices or went to the summer camp. The motor vehicles mentioned in the present report presumably belong to the 2d Gds Mecz Div.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The present report again confirms the occupation by Soviet tank troops of Cegled. The motor-vehicle [redacted] in the present report 25X1 presumably belong to the 2d Gds Mecz Div.

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- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. A section of the Hajmáskér troop-training ground is used as a summer camp by Soviet troops. The tank observed and the radio sets presumably belonged to a Soviet unit stationed at the training ground.

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